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Subject: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Community Concerns

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Here's an overview of the community concerns that we (TDH) received from the 46 plus letters sent out in April 2003 briefly explaining the public health assessment process and soliciting health concerns from the community living near the Gulfco Marine Maintenance site.

Some of the concerns were received by email; others were phoned in to us on our toll free number 1-800-588-1248. Others came in by mail.

HEALTH CONCERNS

One person reported that she had bronchitis several times since living in the area but had not had it before moving to Bridge Harbor.

"... the previous two owners of my house died of cancer while living here. Another person has been diagnosed with cancer. They may not be related but all of these people eat (ate) the crabs from our canals."

Cancer concerns (stomach or colon, lung, liver and bladder cancer, throat and neck cancer.

OTHER CONCERNS

Could there be chemicals that have migrated into the canal in front of my home? There is very little water in the canal as it has filled in with mud/silt/whatever brought in from the intracoastal by the tides. Due to ... close proximity to the site, this is a concern. Are there plans to check the soil/sediment in the bottom of the canals for contaminants.

Folks here eat the crabs and fish caught in the intracoastal and in the canals in front of the houses. Could they be affected?

Will EPA be testing the mud and crabs between Dolphin Lane and Redfish?

Gulfco did sandblasting. You could clean the house and next time you come inside a fine gritty sand would cover everything. As boats/barges came in bad odors were given off as well as the noise and vibration.

Lots of fishing and crabbing were done in the canal every weekend.

One individual called in because he and some of his neighbors did not receive the TDH letter. Fifteen copies of the letter were sent out to him so he could share the information with his neighbors.



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